

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 6th September 2013

Ellingham Village Hall

Present: Gustav MacLeod, Heather Cairns, George Unwin, Christopher Watson, Ruth Machen

Apologies for Absence: Robert Stuart

Approval of Minutes: Minutes (previously circulated) were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising not dealt with below.

Trustees Election: RM confirmed that she will stand down as a Trustee after public meeting. It was agreed that replacement Trustee should have an interest in secretarial responsibilities. RM will draw up list of duties she has undertaken as a Trustee and recruitment process will be determined at October meeting. Date for AGM will also be set.

Decision/Action: *RM to provide list of duties.*

Update on Green Energy Schemes: Matthew Creedy has contacted GM apologising for delay in preparation of costings for biomass project at school, however they are progressing with planning permission for rebuild of store. NCC not interested in the proposed schemes at the school.

Broadband Satellite Scheme: GM spoke with John Cooper at NCC following landowners meeting. A meeting to be held with BT to look at provision of improved broadband to the parish and whether they will be able to provide the best service for the area. Awaiting feedback from Lancashire project – GM to chase up.

Action: *GM*

Treasurers Report: Second payment from Blue Energy received. Bank balances total £71883.44. Financial statement to include new column – “committed spend”. Any listed spending commitments when referring to grants will be encoded with application reference number.

Action: *CW*

Preparation for Public Meeting: GM/CW to meet and run through presentation prior to meeting. CW to provide brief synopsis of expenditure.

Action: *CW*

GM outlined programme for meeting as follows:-

- History
- Top 10 areas for spending as identified by parish survey
- Applications and community-wide schemes
- Solid fuel scheme
- New application form

Chairs to be hired from village hall – help required to put out before meeting.

GU to discuss refreshments with school cook.

Action: *GU*

Lifts to be offered by any parishioners unable to get to school.

Action: *All*

Applications for Funding: To date 3 applications have been received – one rejected, one approved, one awaiting decision.

Specific details on recently approved application for training course to be checked.

Action: *GM*

GM to scan and circulate to Trustees application received from family at Brownieside in respect of distance support course for 17 year old autistic son. Course duration 2 years; cost £12,000.00. Application to be fully discussed at October meeting – GM to advise applicant. GM has also contacted Teresa Hall at Blue Energy regarding potential award from the company (ie as per scholarships for university students which were awarded earlier in the year).

Action: *GM*

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Next Meetings: Public meeting Wednesday 11th September, 7pm, Ellingham School
Wednesday 9th October 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall
Wednesday 6th November 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall

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